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11. (C) The European Union will not openly endorse specific candidates for the Human Rights Council, but the German Presidency has circulated a letter to other missions in New York stating that it only supports countries with good records on human rights issues. In conversations May 10, Nicole Reckinger, human rights officer at the EU Council's General Secretariat, said individual EU member states are lobbying against the candidacy of Belarus, but it is not part of a coordinated EU policy. She said she expects that all EU member states will vote for Slovenia and against Belarus. MCKINLEY

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